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We are delighted that the next meeting of the Club on Saturday 21 September 2024, in conjunction with the regional bird clubs, will also be in association with and in support of the Natural History Museum's outstanding current exhibition *Birds: brilliant and bizarre*. The talks will be held in the Flett Theatre, at the Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London; those attending should access the museum via the Exhibition Road entrance. The day starts at 10.00 h and the speakers include Kevin Cox (Chair of the Royal Society for Protection of Birds' Council), Ken Norris (Director of Science, Natural History Museum), Juliet Vickery (CEO British Trust for Ornithology), Hazell Shokellu Thompson (African Bird Club), Joe Tobias (Neotropical Birding and Conservation) and Nigel Collar (BirdLife International). A full programme is available at: <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/our-science/study/events/british-ornithologists-club-annual-meeting.html>. The event is ticketed but free to attend; you can apply for tickets (which are limited by the venue's capacity) on a first-come-first served basis via the link indicated. We hope to see as many of you as possible on the day.

Since its earliest days, the Club's programme of talks has been a core activity, not only bringing members together but latterly, via YouTube, reaching a worldwide audience. Since at least 2010 Robert Prŷs-Jones has been responsible for the programme, finding outstanding contributors covering an impressive range of topics, even during the pandemic years. However, Robert decided at the end of last year that it was time to hand on the role to someone else. The Club is greatly indebted to him for all his hard work and for establishing a benchmark of excellence.

Chris Storey, *Chairman*



Avian Odyssey 2024
Birds: Brilliant & Bizarre

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a journey into the wonderful world of birds with leading conservationists and ornithologists with a full day of inspiring talks at the Natural History Museum

Saturday 21 Sep 2024
Flett Theatre (Exhibition Road Entrance),
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London, SW7 5BD

 **Natural History Museum** 

Natural History Museum (NHM) & British Ornithologists' Club (BOC)

10:00 - 10:20 -- Doors open.

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Friends receive regular updates about Club events and are also eligible for discounts on the Club's Occasional Publications. It would assist our Treasurer, Richard Malin (e-mail: rmalin21@gmail.com), if you would kindly inform him if you intend becoming a Friend of the BOC.

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